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SUBJECT: ECEVIT RECONSIDERING BASIS FOR COALITION

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SUMMARY: DESPITE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S REJECTION OF COALITION  
ON BASIS OF IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS, PRIMIN ECEVIT REMAINS CHARGED  
WITH DUTY OF FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT. HE IS RECONSIDERING  
POSITION, AND NEW OFFER OF COALITION MAY RESULT. PRESIDENT AGAIN  
PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN ECEVIT MET AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK SEPTEMBER 25  
AFTER DAY OF THINKING OVER HIS REQUEST TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTY OF  
FORMING GOVERNMENT IN VIEW OF TURNDOWN BY DP (REFTEL). FOLLOWING  
THEIR MEETING, ECEVIT ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT HIS PARTY  
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ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 26 ON ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR FORMING

GOVERNMENT AND THAT "WE WILL THEN SEE IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DP AND OURSELVES OVER THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION." HE WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT AGAIN SEPTEMBER 27, HE SAID.

2. ECEVIT ALSO REMARKED: "IF A COALITION IS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE RPP AND THE DP FOR ELECTIONS NEXT SPRING, AGREEMENT ON THE MAKEUP OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PROGRAM MAY BE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT. TO TRY TO DEFEAT THESE DIFFICULTIES WITH GOOD WILL IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER FOR US AND PERHAPS IMPORTANT TO THE DP TOO. EVEN IF IT IS DIFFICULT, WE HAVE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT QUESTION. IT IS OF PARTICULARLY GREAT HARM FOR TODAY'S GOVERNMENT TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AS A LAME DUCK GOVERNMENT WHICH COLLAPSED BECAUSE OF THE STRIFE AND DISAGREEMENT WITHIN ITSELF."

3. DP CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI TOLD REPORTERS DURING VISIT TO ISTANBUL (WHERE HE MAY HAVE TALKED WITH EX-PRESIDENT CELAL BAYAR) THAT DP HAD NOT REJECTED COALITION PER SE, BUT COALITION TIED TO CONDITION OF IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS. "IF A NEW PROPOSAL COMES UP, WE CAN DISCUSS IT," HE SAID.

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT KORUTURK, IN HIS INSISTENCE THAT ECEVIT CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FORM GOVERNMENT, EVIDENTLY IS AGAINPLAYING SIGNIFICANT ROLE AS POLITICAL REFEREE AS HE DID VERY SKILLFULLY DURING GOVERNMENT CRISIS LAST WINTER. WHILE PRESIDENT HAS NOT DISCUSSED CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION PUBLICLY, HE DID GIVE HINT OF HIS FEELINGS WHEN, IN SPEAKING OF ANKARA'S MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS SEPTEMBER 25, HE NOTED THAT "THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRY AND NATION TODAY IS NOT ELECTIONS AT ALL COSTS. THERE IS A NEED TO SOLVE A NUMBER OF OTHER PROBLEMS TOO."

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